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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3124

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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SUBJ: DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STEARNS' TRAVEL PLANS

REFS: (A) SECSTATE 187971; (B) VIENTIANE 6538

1. WELCOME YOUR VISIT HERE AND HOPE YOU WILL
STAY WITH ME.

2. GIVEN APPARENT FLEXIBILITY AFFORDED BY YOUR OPEN
SCHEDULE IN SAIGON ON OCTOBER 13, SUGGEST YOU
PLAN TO ARRIVE IN CAMBODIA ON OCTOBER 14 INSTEAD OF
OCTOBER 13 AS PROPOSED REFTEL A. THIS WOULD PROVIDE
YOU WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL DAY OF VISITS TO POINTS
OF INTEREST IN KOMPONG SOM AND KOMPONG SPEU ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, FOLLOWED BY BRIEFINGS AND
MEETINGS WITH KHMER LEADERS ON THE 15TH.

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3. TO THIS END, WE PROPOSE (AND WILL MAKE AIR TRANS-

PORTATION ARRANGEMENTS IF YOU AGREE) THAT YOU SHOULD FLY DIRECTLY TO KOMPONG SOM FROM SAIGON WHERE YOU WILL BE MET BY POLITICAL/MILITARY COUNSELOR GARDNER. FOLLOWING VISITS TO PORT FACILITIES, THE AIR FIELD, AND A FANK TRAINING CENTER THERE, YOU WOULD PROCEED TO PHNOM PENH, TRANSFER TO HELICOPTER AND GO TO KOMPONG SPEU. (WEATHER CONDITIONS OVER MOUNTAIN RANGE BETWEEN KOMPONG SOM AND KOMPONG SPEU DURING THIS TIME OF YEAR PRECLUDE DIRECT HELICOPTER FLIGHT BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES. FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT ALSO CANNOT NOW LAND AT KOMPONG SPEU.) AFTER VISITS IN KOMPONG SPEU AREA YOU WOULD RETURN TO PHNOM PENH.

4. THAT WOULD GIVE US OCTOBER 15 FOR EMBASSY BRIEFINGS AND CALLS ON KHMER.

5. WE WILL COORDINATE AIRLIFT ARRANGEMENTS FROM PHNOM PENH TO VIENTIANE ON OCTOBER 16 WITH AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE AS NOTED REFTEL B. DUE MORE FAVORABLE FLYING CONDITIONS DURING MORNING HOURS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, WE RECOMMEND YOU DEPART HERE FOR VIENTIANE AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 HOURS.

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